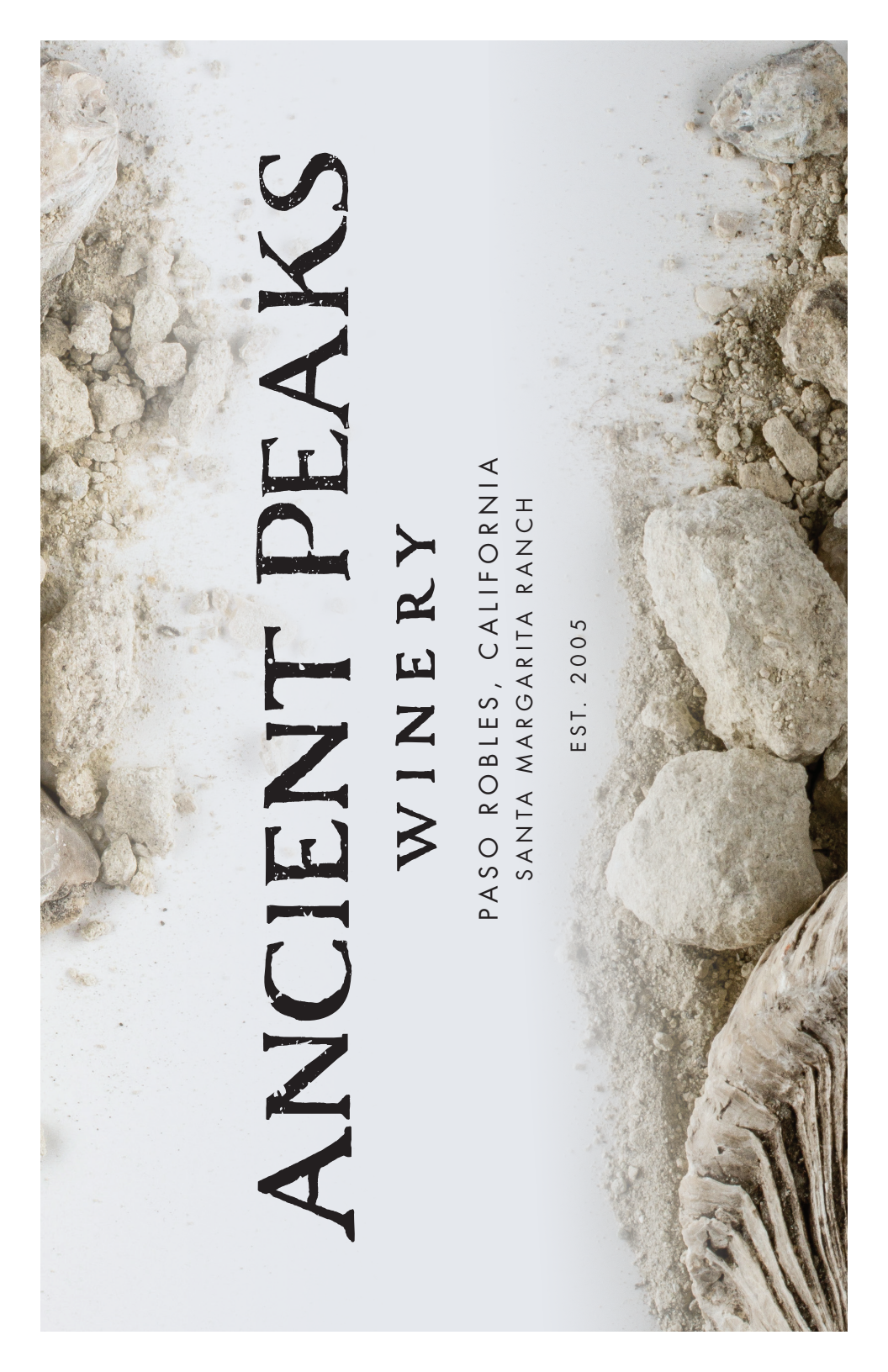




ANCIENT PEAKS

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PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA
SANTA MARGARITA RANCH

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FAMILY OWNED, ESTATE GROWN

Our estate Margarita Vineyard stands alone as the southernmost vineyard in the Paso Robles region, tucked against the Santa Lucia Mountains just 14 miles from the Pacific Ocean.

Here, the vines unfold along a rare array of five distinct soil types—ancient sea bed, rocky alluvium, shale, volcanic and granitic. The resulting wines express an unmistakable sense of place with flavors that are native to Margarita Vineyard.

We are proud to steward this land, and honored to share it with you.

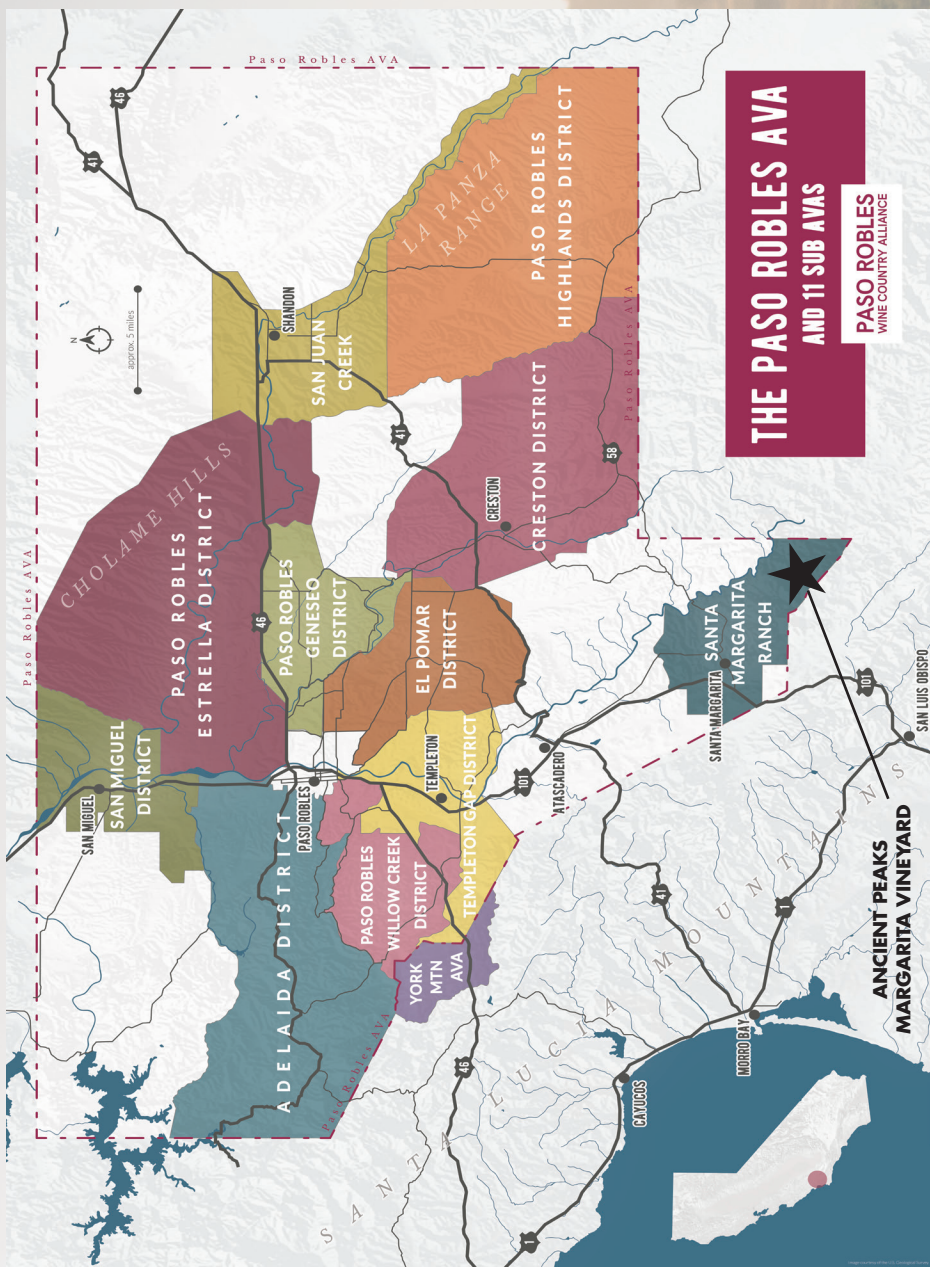
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MARGARITA VINEYARD

The peaks are the first thing you see as you approach Margarita Vineyard — looming testaments to the tectonic forces that shaped the vineyard's uniquely complex geology. Here, the terrain is rich with other sights that exemplify the diversity of the vineyard's terroir, including dramatic shale outcroppings and fields of petrified oyster shells.

Margarita Vineyard also occupies one of the Paso Robles region's coolest growing environments, and the surrounding peaks are frequently enshrouded in coastal fog — a vivid sign of the pronounced marine influence of the nearby Pacific Ocean.

As the only vineyard in the Santa Margarita Ranch AVA, Margarita Vineyard stands alone in benefiting from these extraordinary growing conditions, producing fruit with inherent balance, natural complexity and rich varietal flavors.





OUR FAMILY

Ancient Peaks Winery and Margarita Vineyard are owned by three longtime local winegrowing and ranching families — the Filippinis, Rossis and Wittstroms.

Two generations are actively involved in the daily operations of the vineyard and winery.

Ancient Peaks wines are crafted under the guidance of Mike Sinor and winemaker Stewart Cameron, a local winemaking veteran and one of the highest-rated winemakers on the Central Coast. Together, the Ancient Peaks team is committed to making wines that honor the extraordinary character and flavors of Margarita Vineyard.

FACING LEFT TO RIGHT: KARL WITTSTROM, AMANDA WITTSTROM-HIGGINS, ROB ROSSI AND DOUG FILIPPONI



SUSTAINABLE VITICULTURE



We employ numerous sustainable viticultural practices to ensure natural quality in our wines while protecting the rich native environment surrounding

Margarita Vineyard. Sustainable practices at Margarita Vineyard include deficit irrigation, natural cover crops, wildlife corridors, rotational groundwater usage and the use of compost tea in place of synthetic fertilizers. Vineyard pests are managed naturally by promoting habitats for native predators. Stream and wetland health is preserved by the avoidance of tillage practices that might cause soil erosion.

Our practices have earned SIP (Sustainability in Practice) Certification for Margarita Vineyard. The SIP Certification program is managed by the Central Coast Vineyard Team, a nonprofit grower group whose mission is to promote sustainable winegrowing on California's Central Coast and beyond.

THE 5 SOILS OF MARGARITA VINEYARD

Margarita Vineyard spans a rare array of five distinct soil types, blessing our wines with natural complexity and a striking sense of place.

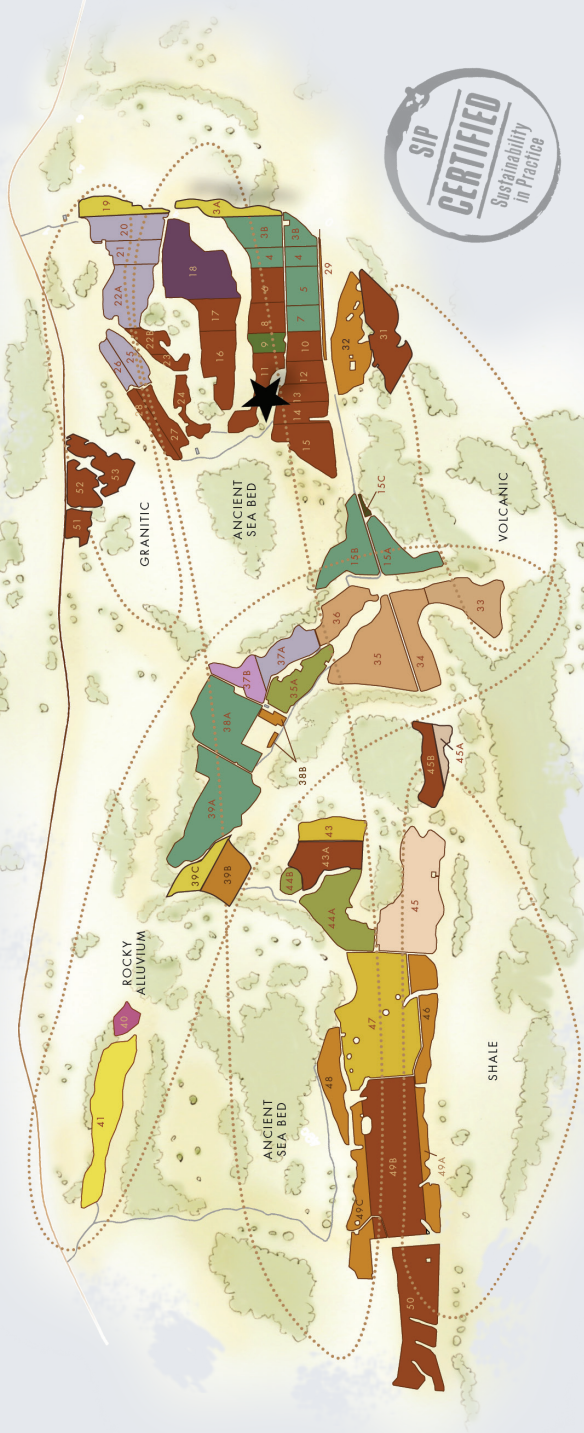
				
ANCIENT SEA BED Uplifted ocean floor with large white oyster fossils spilling out of the soil. These ancient mollusks are high in calcium, creating a soil profile similar to those found in many of the world's most prestigious grape growing regions.	ROCKY ALLUVIUM An amalgam of eroded stone and organic materials. These typically lean soils force intensive root zone development as the vines are forced to struggle for survival, resulting in small clusters with excellent flavor intensity.	SHALE An abundance of flaky shale from the Monterey formation. This rocky soil profile boasts a low water-bearing capacity and a distinct mineral quality that is unique to the formation.	VOLCANIC Volcanic deposits, including basalt mixed with serpentine and ferrous oxide. This mélange typically produces lower yields with excellent flavor concentration.	GRANITIC Soils formed by the decomposition of bedrock granite over millions of years. These well-drained, stony soils yield fruit with beautiful natural balance.

MARGARITA VINEYARD

YEAR PLANTED
1999

TOTAL ACREAGE
857.1

ELEVATION
1,100'



● Cabernet Sauvignon
● Zinfandel
● Sauvignon Blanc
● Merlot

● Pinot Noir
● Viognier
● Syrah
● Petit Verdot

● Chardonnay
● Cabernet Franc
● Muscat Blanc
● Malbec

● Petite Sirah
● Pinot Gris
★ Oyster Ridge
★ Event Venue

ESTATE WINES



SAUVIGNON BLANC

VINEYARD: Margarita Vineyard

AGING REGIMEN: 5 months in Stainless Steel

Our Sauvignon Blanc comes from Margarita Vineyard, where the fruit achieves vivid varietal character with sleek mineral nuances. Ancient Peaks Sauvignon Blanc offers crisp flavors of pear, white peach and citrus.



CHARDONNAY

VINEYARD: Margarita Vineyard

AGING REGIMEN: 10 months in Stainless Steel and French oak barrels

Our Chardonnay comes from granitic soils along the southeast border of Margarita Vineyard. Ancient Peaks Chardonnay offers bright flavors of nectarine, pineapple and lemon zest with lively acidity and brisk minerality.



MERLOT

VINEYARD: Margarita Vineyard

AGING REGIMEN: 18 months in French and American oak barrels

We proudly include Merlot in our small family of wines as a varietal that excels at Margarita Vineyard. Ancient Peaks Merlot offers rich black fruit aromas and velvety flavors of blackberry, black currant and cassis with hints of cinnamon.



CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINEYARD: Margarita Vineyard

AGING REGIMEN: 22 months in French and American oak barrels

Cabernet Sauvignon achieves exquisite structure and complexity at Margarita Vineyard. Ancient Peaks Cabernet Sauvignon offers deep aromas of blackberry and mint, followed by layered flavors of plum, black cherry and cocoa.



ZINFANDEL

VINEYARD: Margarita Vineyard

AGING REGIMEN: 18 months in French and American oak barrels

For more than 100 years, Zinfandel has been a cornerstone varietal of Paso Robles, making it a natural fit for our small family of wines. Ancient Peaks Zinfandel offers spicy, high-toned flavors of raspberry, cherry and blueberry.



RENEGADE

VINEYARD: Margarita Vineyard

AGING REGIMEN: 22 months in French and American oak barrels

Renegade is an unconventional and intensely flavored blend that resists conformity, adding an adventurous twist to our family of wines. It exhibits a smooth, supple Rhône character with Bordeaux-style structure and finesse.



THE PEARL COLLECTION

Our limited-edition Pearl Collection wines represent small lots of the highest quality grapes expressed through unconventional blends and alternative varieties, such as Petit Verdot, Malbec and Petite Sirah.

The crown jewel of our Pearl Collection is the Oyster Ridge red blend. This cuvée honors the dramatic soils and distinctive qualities of the Oyster Ridge block at Margarita Vineyard, which is riddled with large white oyster fossils. Oyster Ridge is ultimately crafted to exemplify our finest winemaking efforts.

A RICH HISTORY

Grapes were first planted at Santa Margarita Ranch by Franciscan missionaries in 1780, and we recently replanted a small commemorative vineyard in the same location as the original Mission vineyard.

Santa Margarita Ranch enjoys a long and illustrious cultural pedigree, beginning with the Chumash and Salinan Indians more than 10,000 years ago. The ranch later became part of Father Junipero Serra's famed Mission trail, culminating with the establishment of Santa Margarita de Cortona in 1774. This historic structure, known as the Asistencia, remains a centerpiece of the ranch.

Santa Margarita Ranch is also one of California's oldest continuously operated cattle ranches. We are proud of our ranch's unique place in California history, and we are honored to be stewards of its winegrowing legacy.

1774:

Mission outpost established and Asistencia built

1780:

Grapes first planted at ranch by Franciscan missionaries

1841:

Ranch granted to Joaquin Estrada by Mexican government

1861:

Estrada sells ranch to Murphy family of San Jose

1889:

Town of Santa Margarita is officially established



1999:

Margarita Vineyard
is planted

2001:

Ranch acquired by
Rossi, Wittstrom and
Filipponi families

2005:

Ancient Peaks Winery
is established

2011:

Margarita Adventures
opens Zipline Tours

2016:

Oyster Ridge Venue
is established



TASTING, CAFÉ AND EVENTS

TASTING ROOM AND CAFÉ

Enjoy Ancient Peaks wines along with starters and lunch at our tasting room and café. Located in the quaint town of Santa Margarita between Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo on California's Central Coast.

EXPERIENCES

Embark on a gourmet guided tour of our estate Margarita Vineyard, concluding with a private food pairing. Or enjoy a seated tasting of reserve wines. Both offered by appointment only. Please call us at (805) 365-7045 or email info@apwinery.com to RSVP.

OYSTER RIDGE EVENT VENUE

Experience the Paso Robles wine country's unparalleled new events and weddings venue—Oyster Ridge at Ancient Peaks Winery, in the heart of Margarita Vineyard.

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